To His Grace, Her Majefty's High Commiffioner, and the Right Honourable Eftates of Parliament.

The Humble REPRESENTATION of the Council-General of the Company of SCOTLAND Trading to Africa and the Indies.

Inding by the 15th Article of the Treaty of Union agreed upon by the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty on behalf of Scotland, with those appointed likewife on behalf of England, That upon the Payment of fuch a Proportion of the Equivalent therein mentioned as will an fever to the Principal Stock advanced by us and our Conftituents, with the Interest thereof at 5 per Cent per Annum, Our Company is to be Diffolved; We think our felves in Duty bound not to be filent upon this Occafion: And therefore, tho' it be not thought neceffary at prefent, to trouble Your Grace and the Right Honourable Estates, with a Recital of the many Valuable Rights, Powers, Privileges and Immunities, Granted, Katihed, and Confirmed, to and in Favour of our Company, by feveral fucceffive Acts of Parliament, nor with a Recapitulation of the many Injuries and Discouragements, which we met with, and the Just Demand we have, by the Law of Nations, for Reparation of the great Loffes and Dammages, which we fuftain'd by Means thereof; nor with a Repetition of the feveral Publick Affurances given Us, during the last and prefent Reign, of a hearty Concurrence in reparing our Loffes, and maintaining our Rights: All these having been, on former Occasions, fully Represented to Your Grace and the Right Honourable Effates; Yet, as being Matters of great Concern to us and our Conflituents, We humbly crave leave. at this extraordinary Junclure, to put You again in mind thereof, in the general; and withal to make the few following Observes, upon that Part of the faid Article, which does more immediately relate to the Concerns of our Company.

1mo. We humbly conceive, that the Sum propos'd to be paid to us,out of the faid Equivalent, is not adequate to the great Loffes and Damnages already fuffain'd by us, and to the taking away likewife fo many valuable Privileges, as we now enjoy; the Benefit of which muft, of Courfe, accrefce chiefly to the Englifb East-India Company.

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2do. It may be thought hard, that we fhould not be allowed the full Intereft of our Money, when, in the Computation of the Equivalent, all the Intereft is ftated at 6 per Cent, and the Payment thereof yearly, whereas our intereft is computed only at 5 per Cent, tho' the moft part of our Stock has been advanced, without any Profit, upwards of Ten years ago.

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3tio. We fee no clear Security by that Article, for the exact Payment of the Money allotted for our Company; for our Payment is poftpon'd to all the Publick Debts of Scotland, and we know not how far these may extend : Yea moreover the whole Equivalent being to be manag'd by a Commission, accountable to the Parliament of Great Britain, before whom (if our Payment should happen to be postpon'd) We and our Conflituents might be put to an Expensive and Troublefome Attendance, Whereas it were more Just and reasonable to have our Company's Quota of the Equivalent made payable directly to us, for the Proprietors use.

4to. It is expressly provided, That our Company shall neither Trade nor grant Licence to Trade, after the Parliament of England's laying on a Fund for paying the Equivalent, which is not only a superceding of our Rights and Privileges for the time, but also a virtual Dissolution of our Company, tho' the faid Quota should never be paid to us.

5to. We do not find by any of the Articles, that any Provision is made for the Security or Safe Conduct of any Perfons, Ships or Effects belonging to our Company, or to fuch Perfons as do, or may Trade by Vertue of Commissions already granted, or that may be granted by the Court of Directors of our Company, before the real Diffolution thereof. And

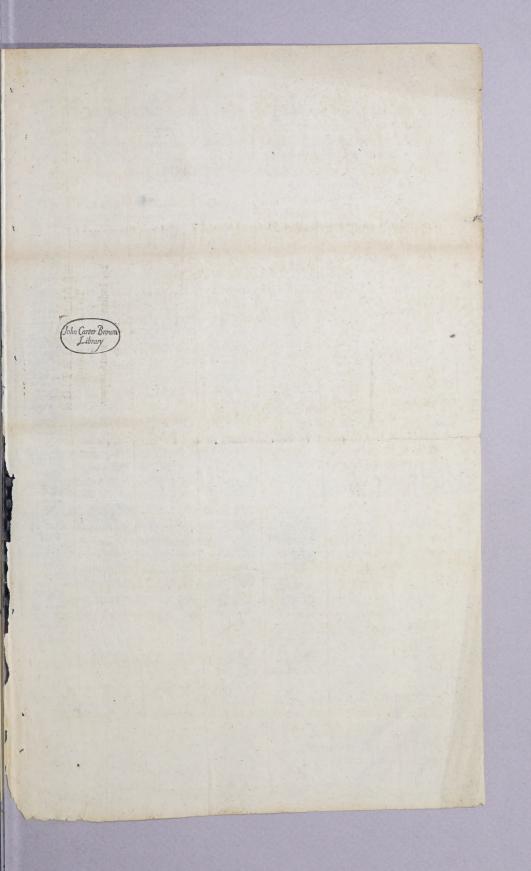
Lastly, It is Humbly Conceiv'd, that the Substituting of our Company, upon the fame foot with the East-India, and other Trading Companies in England, is no ways Inconsistent with the Trade of the United Kingdom.

All which Premiffes, being Matters of great Concern to Us and Our Conftituents; We do therefore, in all Humility, and with great Earneftnefs, Recommend the fame to the Serious Confideration of your Grace, and the Right Honourable Eftates of Parliament.

> Sign'd in Name, Prefence, and by warrant of the faid Conucil-General, at *Edinburgh* the Twenty Seventh day of *November* 1706. By

CROMERTIE I. P. C. G.

The contrary to my own Vote and Opinion.



1 1-2 REPRESENTATION To the Parliament, By The Indian & African Company. 27 Nov ~ 1706. A - AND